

Current Articles & Research Resources, June 7

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In this weekly post, we feature helpful research tools and recent articles of interest to the legislative community.

- Examine the current and projected financial status of [social security](#). (Social Security Administration, June 5, 2018)
- Consider whether [pets](#) have a positive impact on people's health. (*NIH MedlinePlus*, Spring 2018)
- Read about the *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* [decision](#). (National Conference of State Legislatures, June 4, 2018)
- Track an increase in [federal criminal prosecutions](#) for illegal border crossings. (Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, Syracuse University, June 4, 2018)

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- "[Uncompensated care costs fell in nearly every state as ACA's major coverage provisions took effect](#)." By Jessica Schubel and Matt Broaddus. *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities* May 23, 2018, pp. 1-9.
Explains Medicaid expansion has helped lower uncompensated health care costs, benefiting patients, hospitals, and state budgets, and warns of the effect of proposed Medicaid work requirements. Charts uncompensated care costs and medically uninsured rates in the 50 states from 2013 to 2015.
- "[A state multi-sector framework for supporting children and youth with special health care needs](#)." *Child Trends*, May 2018, pp. 1-26 (Note Length).
Describes a four-part state framework for supporting children and youth with special health care needs from birth through age 17, including health, family support, education and employment, and law enforcement and juvenile justice.
- "The future of tech startups: Into the danger zone." *Economist*, June 2nd-8th, 2018, pp. 55-57.
Reports how the dominance of technology giants such as Amazon, Facebook, and Google has had a meaningful effect on entrepreneurial innovation, as the bigger firms can quickly launch competing services that put startups out of business.
- "Justice: Data detectives." *Economist Technology Quarterly*, June 2nd, 2018, pp. 3-12.
Examines the promise and dangers of new technologies that are transforming the way criminal justice systems operate, including street-level surveillance, electronic monitoring, and predictive policing and sentencing.
- "[Rural districts take a 24 percent hit in Algebra II enrollment](#)." By Hector Bojorquez. *IDRA Newsletter (Intercultural Development Research Association)*, May 2018, pp. 3-4.
Discusses the findings of the IDRA Ready Texas Study, which examined the early effects of the new graduation requirements imposed by [HB5, 83rd Legislature](#),

Regular Session.

- "State & local tax contributions of young undocumented immigrants." By Msha Hill and Meg Wiehe. *Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy*, Updated April 2018, pp. 1-18.
Examines state and local tax contributions of undocumented immigrants currently enrolled or eligible for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.
- "The neurobiology of opioid addiction and the potential for prevention strategies." By Gary Peltz and Thomas C. Südhof. *JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association)*, May 22/29, 2018, pp. 2071-2072.
Calls for a public health prevention strategy to address the opioid crisis, rather than the current focus on the later stages of drug addiction.
- "Focusing the lens on film credits." By Brett Johnson and Bruce Kessler. *Journal of MultiState Taxation and Incentives*, June 2018, pp. 33-35.
Summarizes recent developments in film incentives programs in Louisiana, New York, California, and Georgia, including eligibility requirements and benefits, credit monetization, and state oversight.
- "AARP in the states: Texas." *National Institute on Retirement Security*, April 2018, pp. 1-8.
Presents infographic fact sheets on the Employees Retirement System of Texas and Teacher Retirement System of Texas, and highlights the economic impact of Texas public pensions.
- "The teaching moment." By Rivka Galchen. *New Yorker*, June 4 & 11, 2018, pp. 38-43.
Highlights the recent teacher walkout in Oklahoma and the failed attempt at winning legislative approval for additional education funding. Explains this failure has provoked people to get involved in local politics and to run for office.
- "Abolish ICE." By Shikha Dalmia. *Reason*, July 2018, pp. 10-11.
Reviews the history of deportation efforts back to the Clinton administration and the creation of Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] after 9/11. Argues that ICE and the deportation program should be abolished and the true hardcore criminals from other countries should be handled through regular law enforcement procedures.
- "Speaking out: Four Price, State Representative, District 87." *Texas Builder*, May/June 2018, pp. 22-25.
Interviews State Representative Four Price about the skilled labor shortage in Texas, workforce and job training programs, water and road infrastructure, and the state budget process.

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